



## North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

Michael F. Easley, Governor

Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary

October 29, 2008

The Honorable Marc Basnight  
President Pro-Tempore  
North Carolina Senate  
Legislative Building, Room 2007  
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House  
North Carolina House of Representatives  
State Legislative Building, Room 2304  
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Hackney:

Pursuant to Section 15.3 of the Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2007, the State Highway Patrol reports its intent to use \$367,539.00 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to purchase three-hundred (300) rifles and support equipment at \$1,225.13 per rifle.

The purpose of this request is to equip 300 additional state troopers with an AR-15 rifle. Presently, there are only 200 sworn troopers throughout the state who have been equipped with a rifle, leaving approximately 1,561 sworn members without a rifle.

The total cost of this request is \$367,539.00. As of October 22, 2008, the fund balance for the Highway Patrol's three forfeiture accounts, (2420, 2425, and 2430), was \$2,443,316. If this request is approved, the new balance of our forfeiture account revenue will equal \$2,075,777.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan E. Beatty".

Bryan E. Beatty  
Secretary

BEB:brc

cc: Colonel Walter J. Wilson, Jr.  
Sergeant C.P. Genaudeau  
Mr. Bennie Aiken  
Mr. Bryan Chadwick

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